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U.S. DIPLOMAT IN SYRIA: U.S. DISAGREES WITH ISRAEL ON GOLAN

M260932 AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 0900 GMT 26 FEB 74

(TEXT) THE HEAD OF THE U.S. INTERESTS SECTION AT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS, THOMAS SCOTES, HAS STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT AGREE WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR'S STATEMENT THAT THE GOLAN HEIGHTS ARE AN INSEPARABLE PART OF ISRAEL. IN A STATEMENT TO THE LEBANESE NEWSPAPER DAILY STAR ON THE OCCASION OF THE ARRIVAL OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER IN THE SYRIAN CAPITAL TODAY, MR. SCOTES SAID THAT THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN THE AREA WITHOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON THE ONE SIDE AND RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE ON THE OTHER.

M261144 BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 1400 GMT 26 FEB 74

(TEXT) A PRESS REPORT SAYS THAT THE HEAD OF THE U.S. INTERESTS SECTION AT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS, THOMAS SCOTES, HAS DECLARED THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT AGREE WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR'S ~~STATEMENT~~ *STATEMENT THAT THE* GOLAN HEIGHTS ARE AN INSEPARABLE PART OF ISRAEL. THE U.S. DIPLOMAT ADDED: THIS STATEMENT HAS GREATLY EMBARRASSED US AND HAS CAUSED REACTION IN THE AREA. BUT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST ISRAELI ATTITUDE WE DO NOT SUPPORT.

SCOTES SAID THAT THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN THE AREA WITHOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON THE ONE SIDE AND RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE ON THE OTHER.

DISCUSSING THE PALESTINIANS' ROLE, SCOTES SAID THAT IF THE PALESTINIANS DO NOT AGREE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW STATE ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR ANY SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE ADDED

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THAT THE U.S. AIM AT PRESENT IS TO BRING ABOUT A DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE DANGERS OF THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION. DR KISSINGER INTENDS TO DRAW UP A PLAN FOR DISENGAGEMENT AND FOR ACHIEVING PEACE. THE BASES OF THIS PEACE WILL BE DEFINED IN GENEVA.

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